THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir at Rai Bareilly in Uttar Pardesh. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 1685 crore and annual manufacturing capacity is 1000 coaches. The Project will be completed expeditiously.

(c) and (d) M/s Jessop is a privately owned company which is currently engaged in manufacturing EMU coaches and wagons for Indian Railways.

Annual Direct Recruitment Plan

822. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP) has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether action has been taken to fill up the vacancies in various departments of Railways; and

(c) the existing vacancies in various departments, category-wise and the present status of recruitment to fill the posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension have not extended the validity of Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP) beyond 31.3.2009.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The vacancies in various departments,(categories-wise) as on 01.04.2009 is as under:

Category	Vacancies
A and B	1549
C	133732
D	44743

Any large organization like the Railway will have vacancies at any point of time. Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. Vacancies arise due to normal retirement, voluntary retirements, deaths, promotions etc. and vacancies are filled in primarily through UPSC, open market recruitment, promotions and compassionate ground appointments, through Railway Recruitment Boards or by the Zonal Railways themselves.

Alternate rail route between North and South

823. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plan of Railways to develop an alternate rail route between North and South by using the Raipur - Visakhapatnam track;

(b) the details of any such plans to improve the track between Raipur - Visakhapatnam;

(c) whether there are any on-going plans to double the existing track network and strengthen the track between Raipur - Visakhapatnam; and

(d) what other steps and new routes are proposed to reduce the track congestion between North and South to improve speed and traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The main route connecting North and South is *Via* Vijaywada, Kazipet, Ballarshah, Nagpur, Bhopal and Itarsi. Alternate route *Via* Visakhapatnam, Titlagarh, Raipur to Nagpur already exists. To improve capacity on this alternate route, doubling between Raipur and Titlagarh, third line between Vizianagarm and Kottavalasa and fourth line between Kottavalasa and Simhachalam north sections have been sanctioned.

(d) To improve line capacity on the main routes connecting North and South, various works have been sanctioned which include doubling, 3rd and 4th lines, automatic signalling, grade separator, Intermediate Block Sections, electrification, strengthening of tracks, yard remodelling, crossing stations and additional loops at stations.

Road overbridges near level crossing in Orissa

†824.SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a demand for years to construct road overbridge (ROB) at level crossings near Boinda station of Sambalpur division, Dhenkanal of Khorgha Road division and Talchar Road station under East Coast Railway in Orissa;

(b) whether Government is also aware that there is widespread dissatisfaction among people for delay in these works; and

(c) if so, by when these three ROBs would be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Road over bridge (ROB) near Boinda in Sambalpur Division is a sanctioned work & part of the work has been completed.

Works of ROBs at Dhenkanal-Sudasibpur in lieu of level crossing (LC) No. CT-41 in Khurda road Division and ROB between Budhapank-Talchar of same Division in lieu of LC No. CT-81 have been included in the Works Programme of 2009-10.

(b) and (c) If the State Government co-operates in making the land available promptly and also clears the General Arrangement Drawing in time, the work of ROB would be taken up on priority.

Extention of Vidhan Express upto Baidnath Dham

825. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi